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## Ottawa hands out author awards

**BOOKS** Andrew Steinmetz's fictional memoir of his great-aunt Eva who performed in the first workshop production of Bertolt Brecht's masterpiece *The Threepenny Opera*, won the Ottawa Book Award for fiction last night.

Eva's *Threepenny Theatre* weaves in threads from Steinmetz's own life.

The city awarded four local writers the honour at the 24th annual awards ceremony at Library and Archives Canada last night. Kerry Pither's book, *Dark Days: The Story of Four Canadians Tortured in the Name of Fighting Terror*, won in the non-fiction category, while Margaret Michèle Cook's book *Chronos à sa Table de Travail* won in the French fiction category and Maurice Henrie's *Esprit de Sel* won for French non-fiction.

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**News on the Move**

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Toronto **Barbie**



A model hits the runway yesterday for David Dixon's Barbie show during Toronto Fashion Week. Move coverage at [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca).

# Cycle of poverty

## Welfare report blasts recipient's asset limit

**Five hundred and seventy-two dollars.**

That's the most a single person is allowed to save up, have stashed in his bank account or have stuffed in a mattress if he or she wants to be eligible for welfare in Ontario.

A family can have just \$1,550 worth of assets on hand to qualify.

It's stringent rules like these that make it impossible for people to step out of the cycle of poverty, according to a study released today called *Why Don't We Want the Poor to Own Anything?*

"You need at least a few thousand dollars to get back on your feet," said John Stapleton, a social poverty expert who launched the report with the Metcalf Foundation.

"But more significantly ... it doesn't even allow you to retain the amount of money that you would rea-

sonably need to get yourself out of poverty."

Currently, Ontario asset rules force those needing social assistance to liquidate assets (such as their savings and RRSPs) to get support.

"Social assistance was supposed to be a program when you hit rock bottom, not just when you lost a job," said Stapleton.

"Making people destitute to give them emergency help just doesn't make sense."

The group is calling for the province to raise limits to \$5,000 for sin-

gle people and \$10,000 for families, and exempt all assets for the first six months.

Stapleton says these changes can easily be implemented in the social assistance review the province promised earlier this year.

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John Stapleton

## Man caught in explosion dies

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**BOILER** A 51-year-old man who suffered severe burns in a boiler explosion at a heating plant below the Supreme Court of Canada Monday has died, Ottawa police said yesterday.

The man, whose name police have not released, suffered burns to 60 per cent of his body after what Ottawa Fire called a "catastrophic event" shortly after noon.

"Right now, it's still under investigation," said Ottawa Fire District Chief John Gagnon.

While Ottawa Fire Services is leading the investigation, police, the Ontario

**"Whether it's a fuel explosion or a mechanical explosion, the force of the explosion followed up to the western wall and through the vents"**

Ottawa Fire District Chief John Gagnon

Fire Marshal's Office and the Ontario Ministry of Labour are also looking into what caused the explosion, said Gagnon.

While investigators had initially worried about the possibility of collapse, an investigation yesterday concluded that the four-

storey structure is in no danger of collapse.

"The building is salvageable. It's still in good shape," Gagnon said.

Investigators will continue to look at the four remaining high-pressure steam boilers — which provide heat to government buildings along Wellington Street, including Parliament Hill — to see what caused the explosion, which also injured two others.

"Whether it's a fuel explosion or a mechanical explosion, the force of the explosion followed up to the western wall and through the vents," said Gagnon.

Damages are estimated at \$2 million.

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# Local



## Royal Winnipeg Ballet auditions

Local ballerinas can make their dreams come true when the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School's annual international audition tour comes through Ottawa this Friday. Over the next several months, the tour will be making 17 stops to find between 600 and 800 aspiring dance professionals for the RWB's professional division summer session. Ottawa auditions begin at 9 a.m. at Vanessa Plettell Dance Studio on Sieveright Road. For more information, visit [rwbschool.com](http://rwbschool.com). METRO OTTAWA



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## Imaginations inspired at fest

Writers, audiences share ideas

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Ottawa is a very, very smart city, said the artistic director for the Ottawa International Writers Festival.

"We've always heard from the authors that the audience questions and the level of interaction from the audience are second to none here," said Sean Wilson.

That reputation for curious and interested audiences has turned the festival into a major draw for both the writers and the general public.

The fall edition of the fes-

tival opens tonight with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Chris Hedges discussing the effects of a rising post-literate society at an event titled The End of Literacy and the Triumph of Spectacle.

"We've got the most inspired imaginations on the planet coming here to share their enthusiasm," said Wilson.

## Chefs' Day On a mission



Retired chef Luke Campbell, right, demonstrates his craft to food services student Marc Simoneau at the Ottawa Mission yesterday. More than a dozen of the Ottawa area's top chefs from establishments including Chateau Montebello, Chateau Laurier, Algonquin College and Lago provided training for students at the Mission as a part of International Chefs' Day. The chefs also stayed to prepare a special meal for the residents and the community.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, October 25</b> 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. <b>Tunney's Pasture</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(corner of Tunney's Pasture Driveway &amp; Scott Street)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, October 31</b> 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. <b>Drain-All Ltd.</b> 2705 Stevenage Drive</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(between Hawthorne Road &amp; Russell Road, south of Walkley Road)</p>
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Did you know you could return paint products and batteries to various Ottawa hardware retailers? Visit [www.dowhatyoucan.ca](http://www.dowhatyoucan.ca) for a location near you.

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# Bringing science to youth

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More than 400,000 people come through the doors of the Canada Science and Technology Museum each year.

But with a national mandate, the museum has the potential to reach out to between 20,000 and 28,000 more students as far away as Nunavut, thanks to a new program.

The museum's EDUKITs — which provide access to science education to students from coast-to-coast — brings the museum to kids who may not have the opportunity to come to Ottawa, said John Bouza, executive director of the Canada Science and Technology Museum Foundation.

Yesterday, the foundation announced a new event that would raise money for youth programs like this. To be held April 22, 2010, the inaugural Science and Tech Soirée: The Magic of the Museum, will give an opportunity to future generations to discover



Canadian opera sensation Julie Nesrallah performs on the Koenig sound analyzer at the Canada Science and Technology Museum Foundation's announcement of the Science and Tech Soirée yesterday.

er the world of science and technology.

"Our youth need every opportunity to appreciate past scientific discoveries," said Science and Tech Soirée executive committee chairman Greg Mumford.

University of Ottawa biomedical science student and national winner of the 2008 Sanofi-Aventis BioTal-

ent Challenge Maria Meriziotis still remembers how visits to the museum as a child inspired her to enter the field of science.

Museums have an important role to play, she said. "It stimulates curiosity, encourages learning, and fosters future generations who have an appreciation and a love for science and technology."

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**Chrétien invested with Order of Merit**

Former prime minister Jean Chretien, who once forced news mogul Conrad Black to choose between a British lordship and his Canadian citizenship, was invested yesterday with the Order of Merit by the Queen. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Canada



## Spy service hurts confidence: Judge

A federal judge says Canada's spy service "has seriously damaged confidence" in the court process and must help restore trust by handing over a secret file in the case of terror suspect Mohamed Harkat, left. In a decision made public yesterday, Federal Court Justice Simon Noel ordered the Canadian Security Intelligence Service to give him details of a confidential source the spy agency is using to support allegations against Harkat.

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## Feds eye white-collar crime

Hucksters will face at least 2 years in prison under new legislation

**White-collar criminals who bilk their victims of more than \$1 million will face at least two years in jail, under new legislation the federal government plans to introduce this week.**

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson, flanked by representatives of victims groups, announced Tuesday he'll table a bill to impose stiffer sentences on white-collar criminals, bar them for life from handling people's money and possibly force them to pay their victims back.

He also indicated Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan is preparing measures to ensure white-collar criminals can't win parole after serving just one-sixth of their sentences.



Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada Rob Nicholson holds a press conference to discuss white-collar crime legislation in Ottawa yesterday.

"We are committed to cracking down on white-collar crime and increasing justice for victims by providing tougher sentences for the criminals responsible," Nicholson said.

Fraud "can be every bit

as devastating as a physical assault."

The minister has sought the spotlight on these measures, announcing his intentions for the bill several times recently, in interviews and news confer-

ences.

But legal experts and victims alike immediately wondered whether the new legislation would be any more effective than the current regime.

The list includes paying attention to the financial and psychological impact of the fraud, whether the offender broke licensing rules and standards and the complexity of the scheme.

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## Media less free: Watchdog

**PRESS** The news media got a little less free in Canada this year, says a watchdog group in its annual ranking of press freedom worldwide.

Canada fell to 19th place this year from 13th last year on Reporters Without Borders' index of freedom of the press.

The analysis covers print, broadcast and online journalism in 175 countries.

Lawsuits intended to silence critics under the weight of the hefty cost of a legal defence — known as strategic lawsuits

### Challenges

- The Paris-based group Reporters Without Borders says court challenges to journalists' rights to protect their sources precipitated Canada's drop six spots from last year's ranking.

against public participation, or SLAPP suits — also factored into the drop, said Dennis Trudeau, a spokesman for Reporters Without Borders' Canadian chapter.

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### News in brief

**OLYMPIC BIDS** Chinese sports officials struck a deal to bring the Olympics to Beijing, promising to support Jacques Rogge's bid to head the International Olympic Committee in

return for European backing for Beijing's bid, according to a memoir. The alleged deal would have impacted Canada as Toronto bid against Beijing.

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Freed Iranian-Canadian journalist Bahari returns home to England

Iranian-Canadian journalist Maziar Bahari has arrived home in London after being freed from a Tehran prison, his employer confirmed yesterday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Child care to be priority for Liberal party: Ignatieff

## Opposition warns about making 'expensive promises'

The federal Liberals are promising to put a national child-care program at the forefront of the next election campaign and any future government, with leader Michael Ignatieff describing it as a "legacy" item for his party.

"It's a clear commitment," Ignatieff told reporters after a visit to an Ottawa daycare centre yesterday. "If you have commitments, you don't have 20. You have three or four and this is one of them."

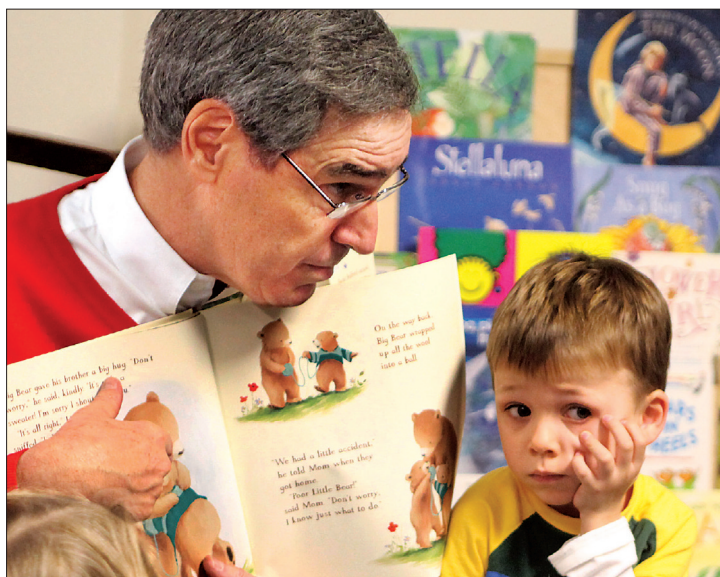
Human Resources Minister Diane Finley immediately poured cold water on the suggestion, arguing that Ignatieff is making expensive promises that he can't afford, and that Canadian parents are already well-served by the \$100-a-month cheques they receive under the Conservative's child-care program.

"Mr. Ignatieff is making grand promises that he absolutely refuses to cost out, or say how he'll pay for them," Finley said.

Ignatieff did acknowledge that delivering on a national child-care program will be difficult if Canada remains mired in deficit — a condition that Finance Minister Jim Flaherty has already forecast to last another five years.

"How you phase it in depends on what these guys leave in the till — and they've spent the cupboard bare," Ignatieff said. "It's a very clear commitment. .... It's a legacy issue for the Liberal party."

The Liberal leader made the vow after spending the morning with children at an Ottawa child-care centre, reading a sto-



Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff reads as Scott Denny, 4, listens (sort of) at Charlotte Bichard's Children's Centre in Ottawa yesterday.

**"Mr. Ignatieff is making grand promises that he absolutely refuses to cost out or say how he'll pay for them."**

Human Resources Minister Diane Finley

ry — Little Bear's Big Sweater — to a group of 4-year-olds. At the end of the reading, Ignatieff was mobbed with a spontaneous group hug from the children.

The New Democrats, meanwhile, are skeptical about the child-care promise, recalling that Liberals spent most of the 1980s and 1990s promising a universal daycare program. Back then, as Ignatieff is promising now, it was also a top priority among Liberal campaign promises, but it was only in 2004-05, under then

# 60,000

Finley said yesterday that the provinces had created 60,000 additional spaces in recent years for child care.

prime minister Paul Martin, that a \$5 billion program was negotiated with the provinces.

Conservatives unravelled that plan when they came to power, in favour of the \$100-cheque system, known as the Universal Child Benefit.

"It's not just about money," NDP MP Olivia Chow said yesterday in reaction to the renewed Liberal promise. "They've got to remove that condition — 'if we have the money.' When there's a condition, and we've seen this, it doesn't happen."

The only solid promise, said Chow, would be one accompanied by legislation that no future government could undo.

Chow recalled that Liberals promised to usher in a child-care program in 1993, contingent on 3 per cent growth in the economy, and despite that condition being met in the late 1990s, it took until 2004-05 for the Liberal government to get any program seriously in place.

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## Bus driver plays Sudoku ... on the job

KRISTEN THOMPSON  
Metro Canada

**VANCOUVER** Coast Mountain Bus has launched an investigation into a video posted on YouTube yesterday that appears to show a Surrey bus driver doing a Sudoku puzzle while driving along the Fraser Highway.

Gordon McDonald told Metro Vancouver that he used his cellphone to record the driver on Monday evening aboard the Willowbrook bus that goes to Langley from King George Station.

"I was only on the bus for 10 blocks or so, and he was playing it pretty much from the time we got on the Fraser Highway to 152nd Street," said McDonald. "It was just totally inappropriate for him to be doing that."

McDonald claimed he was on the same bus the previous Monday, and the same driver was reading a magazine while negotiating through "start-and-stop traffic" on a rain-soaked road.

"It just really irritated me. If my grandson had been on that bus, I would have been having a shouting match with that bus driver," said McDonald.

"This guy just seems to be oblivious to the fact that he's responsible for 20 people on the bus and everyone else on the road."

Derek Zabel, spokesperson for Coast Mountain Bus Company, said that since receiving a link to the video from Metro, officials have launched an investigation.

He said there are no explicit policies in place outlining what drivers can and can't do behind the wheel, but that operators are trained to follow the law and should be using common sense.

"Our operator training is a six-week program and it's all geared toward driving safely," said Zabel. "Coast Mountain trains our drivers ... to use observation skills in which they'd check their mirrors every six to eight seconds and to constantly scan. If you're doing a Sudoku puzzle, you can't be doing that."

As for whether the driver could face discipline, Zabel said Coast Mountain keeps those matters private between the company and the employee.



To see the video, please visit [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

## High-profile lawyer joins fight over elephant's fate



Lucy the elephant and her handlers take a stroll at Edmonton's River Valley Zoo in this file picture from last month.

**LAW SUIT** Animal rights groups are threatening a lawsuit unless the City of Edmonton agrees by next month to move Lucy the elephant from the Valley Zoo to a sanctuary in the United States.

Zoocheck Canada and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals have written a letter outlining their demands to Mayor Stephen Mandel and city councillors.

They have obtained a legal opinion written by prominent Toronto-based lawyer Clayton Ruby, who said in a telephone interview yesterday that he plans to argue that the city is violating Alberta's Animal Protection Act by keeping an animal in distress.

The legislation specifies that an animal is in distress if it's injured, sick or suffering. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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**News in brief**

**WAR ON GANGS** British Columbia is introducing what it says is the first law in Canada restricting the sale and possession of body armour as part of its anti-gang push, but it hopes Ottawa and other provinces follow suit. The law makes illegal possession of bullet-resistant vests liable to fines of up to \$10,000 and a maximum six months in jail. Sales will be restricted to law-enforcement agencies and private security and investigation firms whose employees will require criminal record checks.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



**Surprise Vatican plan would allow Anglicans into Catholic church**

The Vatican announced a stunning decision yesterday to make it easier for Anglicans to convert to the Catholic church's more conservative ranks. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# World

## Scientist worked on sensitive projects

**A scientist who allegedly tried to sell classified U.S. secrets to Israel worked on the Reagan administration's Star Wars missile shield program, a former colleague said yesterday.**

In an interview, Scott Hubbard said that a scientist arrested in an FBI sting, Stewart David Nozette, was primarily a technical defence expert working on the Reagan-era effort formally named the Strategic Defence Initiative.

"This was leading edge,

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### 'Tell them everything'

In January of this year, Nozette allegedly travelled to a foreign country with two computer thumb drives and apparently did not return with them. Prosecutors also quote an unnamed colleague of Nozette

who said the scientist said that if the U.S. government ever tried to put him in jail for an unrelated criminal offence, he would go to Israel or another foreign country and "tell them everything" he knows.

Department of Defence national security work," said Hubbard, a professor of aerospace at Stanford University who worked for 20 years at NASA.

A leader in recent lunar exploration work, Nozette was arrested Monday and charged in a criminal complaint with attempting to communicate, deliver and transmit classified information, the Justice Department said.

To build a case against Nozette, FBI agents posed as officers of the Israeli intelligence

service Mossad, and the criminal complaint suggests why they thought their suspect would take the bait.

From 1998 to 2008, the complaint alleges, Nozette was a technical adviser for a consultant company that was wholly owned by the Israeli government. Nozette was paid about \$225,000 over that period, the court papers say. The complaint does not allege that the government of Israel or anyone acting on its behalf violated U.S. law. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Peru Abortion debate flares up



People demonstrate against legal abortion in the Peruvian capital of Lima yesterday. A legislative commission recommended the decriminalization of abortion in cases of rape or if the fetus has severe deformities.

## Sperm donor passed on deadly trait to 9 of 24 children

**U.S.** A sperm donor passed on a potentially deadly genetic heart condition to nine of his 24 children, including one who died at age two from heart failure, according to a medical journal report.

Two children, both now teenagers, have developed symptoms and are at risk for sudden cardiac death, the report says.

It's the second documented instance of a genetic condition being inherited through sperm donation.

The San Francisco sperm bank involved now gives all donors electrocardiogram tests.

Voluntary sperm bank guidelines say donors should be required to provide a complete medical history. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

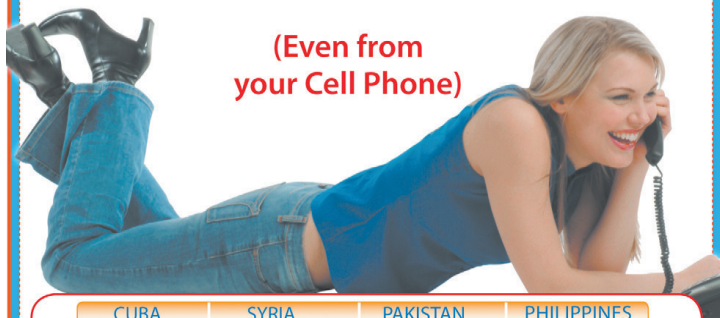
### News in brief

**COLORADO** An investigation into possible criminal charges for a couple who told authorities their son floated off in a balloon has spread to those who worked with them. Robert Thomas told investigators about what he observed between Richard and Mayumi Heene when he helped record the husband's ideas, said Thomas' attorney, Linda Lee, who said Richard Heene was "obsessed" with trying to land a TV show. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Israel prepares to lobby against UN report

Israel hardened its opposition yesterday to international calls for an independent inquiry into its offensive against Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip last winter, saying it would urge the U.S. to prevent the issue from advancing at the UN.

The decision came at a special cabinet meeting called to discuss a UN report that has accused Israel and Palestinian militants of committing war crimes during the three-week operation.

The report, which was adopted by the UN Human

**"Our struggle is to delegitimize the continuing attempt to delegitimize the state of Israel."**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

Rights Council last week, recommends war crimes proceedings if the sides do not conduct credible independent investigations into their actions.

Cabinet ministers established a special lobbying team that will urge the U.S. to use its veto power in the Security Council to prevent legal action against Israel, officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the meeting was closed.

"Our struggle is to delegitimize the continuing attempt to delegitimize the state of Israel," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told the meeting, according to his office. "The most important sphere we need to work in is the sphere of public opinion in the democratic world."

Both men have argued that the report was one-sided and undermines Israel's right to defend itself.

The UN report, overseen by South African jurist Richard Goldstone, has created an uproar in Israel. Officials say the Human Rights Council, which includes many Arab and Muslim countries, is hopelessly biased against Israel.

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## Chewing on a malaria research

**GRANTS** The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation yesterday announced new grants of \$100,000 US each for 76 unconventional approaches to world problems, such as the idea of using chewing gum to detect malaria biomarkers in saliva. Another will give a researcher at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York the money he needs to test chocolate for combating the malaria parasite. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Women journalists honoured

**NEW YORK** Four female journalists from Belarus, Cameroon, Iran and Israel who have kept working in the face of threats, attacks and intimidation have been honoured by an international media group. Agnes Taile of Cameroon, Iryna Khalip, a reporter and editor in the Minsk, Belarus, bureau of the Russian newspaper Novaya Gazeta; and Jila Baniyaghoob, editor-in-chief of the website Kanoon Zanan Irani, received the 2009 Courage in Journalism awards yesterday from the International Women's Media Foundation.

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## Storm weakens off Mexico

**MEXICO** Once-powerful Hurricane Rick lost most of its punch as it headed toward Mexican resort regions in Baja California as a tropical storm yesterday, but local authorities still prepared for evacuations due to flooding.

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# Border question tricky to answer

### TheWestView



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How much foolhardy courage or desperation must it take to pay someone \$45,000 to board a rusty old ship, survive a lengthy trip across the Pacific, and turn

up unannounced and unwanted on the shores of a strange land, only to face detention and possible deportation?

If you do succeed in getting to Canada and making a successful refugee claim, what's the payoff? A lifetime of menial jobs where most of your income goes to pay off your \$45,000 "travel" debt while the rest goes to support your family at home.

So I have a great deal of sympathy for the 76 men, allegedly Tamils from Sri

Lanka, currently held in Vancouver after their harrowing asylum-seeking adventure as Canadian authorities try to figure out what to do with them.

That's the kind of fortitude and durability we're looking for here in Canada. Except ... what about the hundreds of thousands of legitimate and legal refugee claimants who are stuck in detention camps around the world with little hope of ever starting a new life in Canada?

What about the migrant

workers who are allowed to work here, but not live here?

What about the people who just want to immigrate to Canada, have patiently jumped through all the hoops, and get to watch as these 76 adventurers jump the queue?

It's a tough problem. Should we take a hard line and send these guys back to Sri Lanka without considering their claims for asylum?

That's how federal Immigration Minister Jason Ken-

ney seems to be leaning when he says we don't want to develop a reputation of having a two-tier immigration system and how we need to do a better job of shutting the back door. And these migrants certainly arrived by the back door.

Or, now that they're here, should we dutifully process their claims, and if they convince us that they are legitimate refugees from oppression or violence in Sri Lanka, should we welcome them in, not to mention their families

waiting in the wings to see if the big gamble pays off?

Here's the thing: We owe it to all those legitimate noses pressed to the glass, Promised Land on the other side, to make absolutely sure these men don't face real danger back home. If not, home they go.

Otherwise, how can we continue to ask everyone else to wait patiently for their turn?

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## Word on the street: If they are found guilty of any charges, what should the punishment be for the boy's parents in the runaway balloon incident?

**Steve Laskowski**  
age 24, Ottawa

A: I don't think they should have a criminal record, but they should be fined. They didn't hurt anyone, but they wasted resources. It's not fair to come down on them so hard. They didn't hurt anyone at the end of the day.

**Amber Killin**  
age 29, Ottawa

A: I think they should be held accountable. They took up a lot of time and media attention. There are a lot more important things in the world than a balloon escaping.

**Kevin Wallace**  
age 25, Ottawa

A: If they're going so far as to call the police and mention it to the media before that, that's bad.

**Thea Ross**  
age 25, Toronto

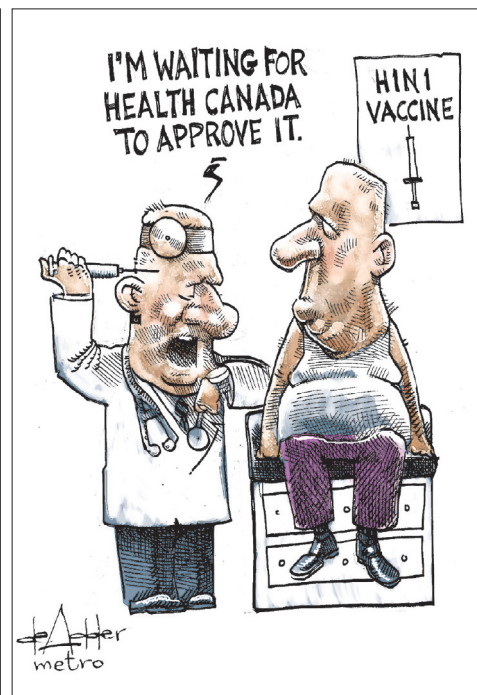
A: I think they should get community service, and they shouldn't be allowed to have that reality show they wanted ... There was a lot of money that went into that (search) ... They should have to pay back some of that.

**Chris O'Leary**  
age 31, Edmonton

A: The media should take a restraining order out against the family so that we never have to see them again.

**Emma Acker**  
age 27, Halifax

A: Jail time, I think. I don't know how long. I've heard that they might be losing their children — I think that's a bit extreme. I think the father is a bit of a nutcase. I think he should be the one to get a psychiatric evaluation.



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## Financial options

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## Trailblazers honoured

Young entrepreneurs awarded for achievements

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**Growing up in New Brunswick, Eireann Rigby was involved in competitive sports, even playing professional basketball in Europe.**

Wanting to make sports and fitness accessible to the general public, Prince Edward Island's UFIT was born.

The decision to start the company — which pro-

vides pay-as-you-go \$5 fitness classes for people of all ages in "a party atmosphere" — "was a very scary journey at the start," said the Charlottetown resident, now 34. "I think the first class in 2002 had eight people, and four of them were family. It's difficult to start, but you've got to believe in it and put it out there."

Seven years later, classes are held in eight locations across the island and attract up to 100 people per class. The company has also developed its own charity and professional speaking component.

Rigby, along with 18 other young people from each province and territory, were honoured at an awards ceremony in Ottawa to celebrate the achievements of young entrepreneurs last night.

To coincide with Small Business Week, the Business Development Bank of Canada held its 22nd annual 2009 Young Entrepreneur Awards for people



Peter Ollerhead, 28, and Eireann Rigby, 34, were both honoured at the 2009 Young Entrepreneur Awards in Ottawa last night.



aged 19 and 35.

The award recipients have realized their dreams in innovative ways, some by tapping into the potential of emerging sectors and others by taking fresh approaches to traditional businesses, said BDC President and CEO Jean-Rene Halde. Selection criteria included the originality of

the business concept, success, growth potential and social involvement.

In meeting all the winners, Rigby said there was a huge variety of businesses and achievements, but that all the entrepreneurs share a commonality.

"Everyone has a passion," she said.

An avid cyclist, Corner

Brook, N.L.'s Peter Ollerhead, 28, turned his passion for sport into a thriving cycle, cross-country ski and snowshoe shop that has since grown to include a specialty coffee shop.

"I started cycling when I was 12, 13 years old," said Ollerhead. "My dad could leave me in the bike shops all day."

At 20, he opened Cycle Solutions, and two years ago, opened Brewed Awakening, which has become a destination in itself.

"If you're passionate about something, that's what you've got to focus on," he said.

That passion found Toronto's John Carbreay early. In high school, he was interested in technology and the impact it could have on people's lives. He started Intrafinity Inc. in 2001, during his first year at the University of Toronto.

Now 27, Carbreay thinks "people have to go for what they're passionate about," he said. "Being an entrepreneur and trying something new — you might succeed, or you might fail, but you will be better for it," he said.



Toronto's John Carbreay, 27, started Intrafinity Inc. in 2001.

### The winners' circle

Last night's winners include:

- Alberta's Steve Baines, 31, Matt Baines, 30, Chris Baines, 27, and Mike Baines, 22, of Enviro Foam Insulation;
- British Columbia's Daisy Leslie Orser, 30, and Adam Orser, 35, of The Root Cellar Village Green Grocer;
- Manitoba's Wade Barnes, 34, and Curtis MacKinnon, 33, of Farmers Edge Precision Consulting;
- New Brunswick's Allain Ouellette, 34, of City Glass & Locks;
- Nova Scotia's Kim Hong Dao, 27, Bang Gia Dao, 31, and Niem Gia Dao, 26, of Talay Thai Restaurant Ltd.;

- Québec's Patrick Grégoire, 34, of Boréal — Informations Stratégiques Inc.;
- Saskatchewan's Johan van den Berg, 33, and Charla van den Berg, 34, of Plains Powder Coating; and
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## BoC's warning downs dollar

**A warning about the state of the economy from the Bank of Canada drove down the loonie by nearly two cents yesterday, wiping out recent gains in a matter of hours.**

In one of the gloomier reports in months, the central bank's governing council declared a strong loonie would threaten Canada's recovery, saying its recent rise had already more than offset encouraging signs seen over the summer.

"(The) heightened volatility and persistent strength in the Canadian dollar are working to slow growth and subdue inflation pressures," the bank said.

As expected, it kept the policy interest rate moored at the historic low of 0.25

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per cent, the level it's been at since the spring.

The impact of the statement could be seen instantly — the currency dropped a cent within minutes and kept falling. The currency was at 95.35 cents US at mid-afternoon, down 1.8 cents US from Monday.

Economists said the reason for the drop was mostly because the bank had been expected to raise interest rates.

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iPhone wars not likely on Canadian soil, say analysts

**TECHNOLOGY** Apple Inc.'s sexy and much-desired iPhone will soon be offered by more carriers in Canada but an increase in smartphones hitting store shelves is not likely to add up to a price war, analysts say.

According to analysts, there's plenty of room in the market for the sleek, multifunctional phone among all of Canada's three major wireless carriers — Rogers has been offering the iPhone since July 2008 and Bell and Telus have announced they will offer it in November.

Increasing iPhone demand also means more competition for BlackBerry maker Research In Motion, which is also trying to get more consumers to buy its own smartphone.

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# Sports

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## Hingis to stay retired

Martina Hingis, left, won't make a comeback to competitive tennis. The 29-year old Hingis, who retired after getting a two-year ban in 2007 for testing positive for cocaine, said yesterday in an interview with L'Equipe that she is happy with her new life. Hingis added that even without being tested positive, she likely would have retired. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Senators do well to lock up Carkner and his robust game

## The Hockey News

**Ken Campbell**

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It took more than eight years and four NHL organizations, but Ottawa Senators defenceman Matt Carkner can finally count on a consistent paycheck with a few zeroes in it.

When the 28-year-old signed a two-year contract extension with the Senators yesterday, it marked the first time in his career that he has inked a deal that will pay him one-way money, meaning he'll earn

\$700,000 US in 2010-11 and 2011-12 regardless of whether he plays in the NHL or the minors.

But it's clear that a full decade after he was drafted, Carkner has finally proved he belongs in the NHL. He has done everything asked of him this season and done so solidly, averaging 18 minutes a game on the Senators blue-line and supplying some nastiness and toughness along the way. If he can even continue his level of play over the next three seasons without getting any better, Bryan Murray's signing will have been a good one.

That's because any time you can get a player who is capable of giving your team

quality minutes for under \$1 million per season, you've hit the jackpot. Carkner certainly isn't a player around whom the Senators will build, but it gives them a relatively cheap player they can plug in either on defence or at forward in a pinch.

It certainly didn't hurt that Senators coach Cory Clouston knew what he was getting in Carkner, having coached him for two seasons with the Binghamton Senators of the American Hockey League. The same way a number of players have flourished in Washington because they were coached by head man Bruce Boudreau in Hershey, Carkner has a coach who

intimately knows his strengths and limitations and has seen him in almost every situation.

But what Carkner has done better than anything is prove he can be more than just a one-dimensional enforcer. Of course he can do that, as evidenced by his three fights in the regular season so far and four in the pre-season, but it's his ability to play a sound defensive game at the back end that has him occupying a regular spot in the Senators lineup. His lack of footspeed is definitely a concern, but his willingness to play a robust game and stand up for his teammates is not.

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Matt Carkner

## NHL scout denies prejudice claims

**DRAFT** If there's a bias against drafting hockey players from a certain part of the world, it's not Quebecers, says the NHL's top scout.

"There's nothing going on in Central Scouting that would preclude a French Canadian from making our list, or making our list more prominently," said E.J. McGuire.

His comments come as a backlash to the publication of a book by former NHLer Bob Sirois that alleges the NHL is prejudiced against French Canadians when it comes to drafting players.

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## MLB playoffs A-Rod slides home safely



New York's Alex Rodriguez slides safely past Los Angeles catcher Mike Napoli last night during Game 4 of the American League championship series. Rodriguez scored from third on a ball hit by Robinson Cano. For a complete game recap, visit [metronews.ca/sports](http://metronews.ca/sports)

## Sports in brief

**BASEBALL** The New York Mets have released left-handed reliever Ken Takahashi. The 40-year-old pitcher went 0-1 with a 2.96 ERA in 28 games this season. Takahashi attended spring training with the Toronto Blue Jays before moving on to the Mets.

**NFL** Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin says kicker Jeff Reed will play in Sunday's home game against the Minnesota Vikings despite being charged with simple assault, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and public drunkenness for allegedly scuffling with Pittsburgh police outside a bar.

**SOCCER** Major League Soccer received its third consecutive A for racial hiring yesterday from the University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport. Its gender grade improved to a B from a

C-plus last year.

**SOCCER** FIFA president Sepp Blatter says the world football body is establishing a new award named after Hungarian legend Ferenc Puskas, which will be given to the player who scores "the most beautiful goal" of the year.

**TIGER** Tiger Woods has won the points-based player of the year award, the Vardon Trophy and the Arnold Palmer Award. Woods is also up for the PGA Tour player of the year award, which is voted on by the players. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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## Expert tip

When updating or replacing your windows, stick to standard styles. Odd shapes and highly customized arrangements do little for resale value.

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# How to choose a stove for heat

For 23 years, Julie Gore has heated her Ada, Ohio, home with a wood-burning stove. When the old one wore out, she didn't hesitate to buy another for her family room.

"It's warm and toasty," said Gore, an administrative assistant at Ohio Northern University. "I wouldn't trade it. If you get a chill you can stand by it and warm up."

Stoves as secondary heating sources are growing in popularity, and come in two basic varieties: Wood stoves and pellet stoves.

Some proponents say



A Jotul E 500 Oslo wood-burning stove, left, and a Lennox T300P pellet-burning stove. Stoves for heat can cut energy costs.



the stoves can be more environmentally friendly and help cut energy costs; other experts say that can vary from household to household.

Traditional wood-burning stoves like Gore's enjoy stronger sales, but pellet stoves, which burn compressed sawdust, may be gaining, according to the Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association, a manufacturers trade group. Wood stoves and wood fireplace inserts saw an 81 per cent increase in shipments in 2008, the association said. Pellet stoves and pellet fireplace inserts increased 161 per cent that year.

Both kinds of stoves are meant mostly to heat specific rooms or groups of rooms, not entire houses. They cost between \$3,000 and \$4,500 US, including installation.

Here are some of the ways wood and pellet stoves compare:

## EFFORT

Wood stoves must be fed with logs, while pellet stoves use 18-kilogram bags of pellets poured into a hopper.

Most pellet stove hoppers hold an entire bag of pellets, which will last about 24 hours before needing to be reloaded, said Leslie Wheeler, spokeswoman for the trade association.

With pellet stoves, look for a model with a large hopper opening to make it easier to load pellets, and check for an easily removable ash pan to make cleanup quick, suggested Bob Markovich, the home



Stoves as secondary heating sources, like this Morso wood-burning stove, are becoming popular.

and yard editor at Consumer Reports magazine, which recently profiled heating stoves.

A safety precaution: Homeowners should place carbon monoxide and smoke detectors near the stoves, Markovich advised.

## EFFICIENCY

Pellet stoves produce very little smoke, giving them a reputation as more environmentally friendly, Wheeler said.

"There's very, very little moisture in that pellet," she said. "It burns very cleanly, very efficiently and leaves very little ash."

Ken Hellevang, an engineer with the extension service at North Dakota State University, noted of pellet stoves: "Even the most efficient burning units, there's still ash that needs to be discarded. There's some labour involved on a daily basis."

Pellet stoves also require electricity, since fans circulate the heat, so it's a good idea to purchase a backup battery, Wheeler said.

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Wood-burning stoves don't need electricity.

Markovich of Consumer Reports described all heating stoves as "a large version of an electric, \$30 space heater."

"People have this sort of rising desire to be off the grid and control more of their own expenditures," he said. "People are looking for any way they can to save."

But if you're trying to lower home heating bills, Markovich said, you'll need to turn down the heat in the rest of the home when using a wood or pellet stove. "To really save money, you have to keep the rest of your house colder," he said.

Another tip: Make sure the square footage you

want to heat matches the square footage the stove can warm, Markovich said.

## COST

Based on today's costs, Markovich said, burning pellets costs about 15 per cent less than oil and 40 per cent less than electric heat, but about 25 per cent more than natural gas.

"If you're in fact burning natural gas now, buying a pellet stove is a mistake because it costs more," he said.

Wood stoves can be a bargain for some. "A lot of people are near rural areas where wood is cheap or free," Markovich said. "If that's you, that makes financial sense."

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**Outback wins Motor Trend award**

The Subaru Outback has been named Motor Trend's 2010 Sport/Utility of the Year, marking the first time an automaker has won two consecutive Sport/Utility awards following the Subaru Forester's win in 2009. [CANADIANDRIVER.COM](http://CANADIANDRIVER.COM)

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# Metro Drive

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## The race is on

Love that Audi R8 5.2 FSI Quattro? Now you get to drive it, along with some of the world's most exotic cars, when XBox 360's racing title Forza Motorsport 3 launches next week.

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# Current car design a bit of everything

## AutoPilot

**Michael Goetz**

[metronews.ca/autopilot](http://metronews.ca/autopilot)

Whenever I encounter an opinion on automotive design contrary to mine, I'm tempted to repeat what Lt. Frank Drebin said to the villain, Quentin Hapsburg, in the fine 1991 flick, *Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear*.

"We can handle this like mature men, right Mr. Poopy Pants?"

Actually, there is no sense arguing when there is a difference of opinion over a car's looks. You can't make someone like what they don't.

But while there is a definite proliferation of styles and designs, and a bevy of

absolutely wonderful executions, there doesn't seem to be any overriding theme to automotive design these days. At least when you compare it to eras where you got a clearer sense of what designers were trying to accomplish; like in the 1930s, when the art deco ideas were pursued, or the 1950s, when cars dramatized the concept of highway travel.

In the 1970s, Giorgetto Giugiaro (later named auto designer of the last century), messed with people's heads, by pursuing an auto design language diametrically opposed to the current design of the day. Those cars were comprised of nothing but sharp angles and creases, and were sometimes uncharitably referred to as the "folding paper" school of design.

"Giugiaro had a definite style, a definite direction," says Paul Deutschman, who heads up Canada's only automotive design firm, the internationally known Deutschman Design of



Car designer Paul Deutschman praises the Mini for its combination of efficiency and style.

Montreal ([deutschmandesign.com](http://deutschmandesign.com)). "Giugiaro in turn influenced other designers, and you ended up with an era with a very strong visual identity."

Deutschman feels we don't get those strong design currents anymore, because everyone seems to take a bit from everyone else, and tries to make it their own, rather than em-

barking on a separate and unique direction.

"If you go into a styling studio in any automaker, you will find stylists from America, Korea, Germany... And those people move around from company to company. All this creates what I would call a design melting pot."

One of the forces pulling design in the future will be

the continued quest for more fuel efficiency. The last time that happened, the same aerodynamic shapes kept cropping up in the portfolios of various automakers.

"We have the risk of that happening again," says Paul. "But that just puts the challenge more firmly in the court of the designer. ... It's up to the designer to

**"It's up to the designer to come up with something that just oozes with character, but still fulfills its mechanical obligations."**

Car designer Paul Deutschman

come up with something that just oozes with character, but still fulfills its mechanical obligations."

He cites the original and current Mini as a great example of the above philosophy. "The packaging on the Mini was optimized, and it was an efficient vehicle, and it also happened to charm people to death... That's the kind of thing that has to happen..."

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

## 3 FAQs about ban on hand-held

### Does the new ban apply to hand-held cellphones only?

No. The ban holds for other hand-held devices such as MP3 players, DVD players, laptops, gaming devices and smartphones

### What are the potential penalties for violating the ban?

Ontario drivers can be fined as much as \$500 but no demerit points. However, drivers who place others at risk with their hand-held activity can be charged under dangerous driving laws. This means potential fines up to \$1000, six demerit points, driver's licence suspension and even jail time.

### Can I use my hand-held cellphone without a hands-free option while stopped in traffic or at a red light?

No. Drivers will only be permitted to use their hand-held devices without a hands-free option only when safely pulled off the roadway.

SOURCES: YADA, NEWS.ONTARIO.CA

## Gadget guide to going hands-free

These days, it's a smart call to go hands-free behind the wheel. Next Monday, Ontario will be the latest Canadian province to ban the use of hand-held devices without a hands-free option while driving. The new law will make it illegal for drivers to talk, text, type, dial or email using hand-held cellphones and other hand-held communications and entertainment gadgets. To help you switch gears, Metro Drive will feature some in-car hands-free products throughout this month.



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**MAZDA GRADUATE PROGRAM**





Kia has unveiled the first official photo of its new KND-5 concept car, an all-new sedan that will be called Cadenza in markets outside of Korea. The new model will make its overseas premiere at motor shows later this year. [CANADIANDRIVER.COM](http://CANADIANDRIVER.COM)

**Sneak peek at Kia Cadenza**

# Mazda makeover

CX-7 more handsome than Japanese rivals

PETER BLEAKNEY  
for Metro Canada



When Mazda launched the five-seat 2007 CX-7 in 2006, the idea of a mid-size crossover with sporty pretensions was relatively novel, and this all-wheel-drive turbocharged number with the radically raked windshield broke some new ground.

My, how things have changed. In this hotly contested and highly congested market segment the

## 2010 Mazda CX-7

**Type:** Crossover utility vehicle  
**Price:** from \$27,995  
**Engine:** 2.5L four-cylinder  
**HP:** 161

### Highlights

- Classy interior
- Excellent driving feel

Mazda CX-7 is kinda old news.

For 2010, the CX-7 gets a midlife makeover featuring Mazda's new leering

corporate visage, interior upgrades, structural strengthening and improved sound insulation, all in the name of refinement. Of more significance is the availability of an entry-level GX front-wheel-drive-only model powered by a naturally-aspirated 2.5L 161 hp four. It bows at \$27,995.

All the testers on this program were fitted with the \$2995 Luxury Package that added power moonroof, leather upholstery and door trims, leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, heated seats (eight-way power driver's with manual lumbar support and four-way power passenger), Bluetooth and automatic climate control.

This is on top of the GX's standard 17-inch alloys, rain-sensing wipers, telescopic steering wheel, traction and stability control, brake assist and Multi Information Display (MID).

The sharp-eyed among you will notice the GX's 28



For 2010, the CX-7 gets interior upgrades and structural strengthening.

grand price tag is more than your base RAV4 (\$24,345) or CR-V (\$25,790 — cash only), but Mazda says this is in line with similarly optioned models from Honda and Toyota.

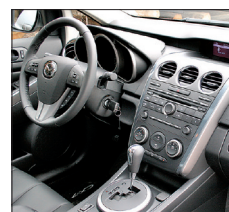
Indeed, first impressions of the CX-7 GX are favourable. The interior gets improved plastics, nicely padded arm rests on the doors, a new multi-function steering wheel, gauges ringed in blue illumination with white dials, and some tasteful dark-chrome accents. The upper dash is recontoured to house the new LCD Multi Information Display that offers trip computer functions, rear view (standard

on GT) and maintenance info. It's a handsome and airy cabin with excellent forward vision, and is a couple of steps up in quality from its Japanese rivals.

The DOHC 2.5L four that generates 161 hp and 161 lb.-ft. of torque at 3500 r.p.m. may be new to the CX-7, but it also does duty in the Mazda6, Mazda3 and Ford Escape.

On the highway, the GX settles into a relaxed and stable cruise, showing 2400 r.p.m. at 120 km/h.

Over the twisty portions of our test route, this entry-level CX-7 showed the typical attributes of a Mazda: excellent steering feel, good body control and a



The interior gets better plastics, nicely padded arm rests on the doors and a new multi-function steering wheel, among other improvements.

general dynamic cohesiveness that suggests the development engineers do enjoy driving.

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Complementing the edition highstyle's striking exterior finish are 12-spoke, 15-inch alloy

wheels, a silver tridion safety cell and unique, aluminum-look "highstyle" logos. The fashionable theme continues inside.

The spacious interior benefits from heated, leather metallic silver seats to-



The highstyle edition ups the ante for the smart fortwo lineup

gether with leather optic door inserts and upper and lower dashboards.

Matt-silver details add a stylish touch while the driver enjoys a leather three-spoke steering wheel with gearshift buttons and leather-trimmed gear knob.

The integrated audio and navigation system from Pioneer will be music to the ears of the edition highstyle's occupants and as well as offering Bluetooth wireless telephony, iPod and USB connectivity, the entertainment system also features full satellite navigation. **FROM CARGUIDE**



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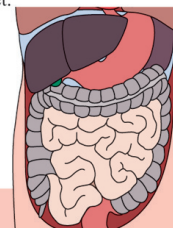
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B.C.-based College of New Caledonia held a groundbreaking ceremony last Thursday for its \$19.7 million Technical Education Centre at the Prince George campus. The 7,000-square-metre centre will house training programs such as welding, automotive collision repair and engineering technology. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Workology

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'The worst idea' ever in the Den

Dragons' Den

Dianne Buckner

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"You're so smart — how can you be so dumb?"

"We should give you a prize for the worst idea we've seen in four years."

Those harsh comments are directed at Karen Parhar, a beautiful young entrepreneur from Saskatoon, on tonight's edition of Dragons' Den.

To say the Dragons hate her business idea is an understatement — they breathe fire at Parhar!

How does Parhar react to the scorching? You'll have to watch to see — but meantime, let me ask you this: How would YOU react?

When the comments are positive — that's a beautiful thing! Everybody loves being told they're doing a good job — but it's a different story when we hear that we're doing something wrong, or could be performing better.

In my opinion, any type of feedback is a gift. If someone is taking time to think about me, I appreciate it. Based on what they say, I can get better at what I do, and become more successful. To me, it says they care.

Dianne Buckner is the host of Dragons' Den. Tonight's episode airs at 8 p.m. on CBC. Follow Dianne on Twitter @DianneBuckner.

# Journalism will thrive again

Bonnie Fuller says the fourth estate's future is as healthy as her resumé

JON TATTIE  
for Metro Canada

**With The September Issue, a documentary about Vogue's Anna Win-tour, premiering Friday, Metro decided to take a look at the powerful women in the world of fashion journalism.**

**Bonnie Fuller scoffs at the predictions of journalism's death. "I don't believe it's a dying breed. I think that we are in the midst of a major revolution," the celebrity journalism giant says. "There is going to be less print journalism, but that doesn't mean there isn't still a lot of journalism."**

The much-Twittering Fuller is working on a re-launch of HollywoodLife.com and has been editor-in-chief of US Weekly, Glamour, Cosmopolitan, Marie Claire, YM and Flare magazines, and is a regular guest on NBC's Today show.

"We're in business-ess," she says of journalism. "When you have business-ess, you have customers and you have to sell products in order to survive. It can't be viewed as simply

the work of good deeds." In other words, a free press is great, so long as someone is buying it.

A key part of her thriving media career is the Bonnie Fuller brand, as expressed in her company, Bonnie Fuller Media (Bonniefuller.com).

"It was my job to become an expert on my audience," she says. "To do a good job at Glamour, Cosmo, Marie-Claire, you really have to think hard about your audience, getting to know them and understanding them."

She's "very excited" about what she thinks will be a boom time for new journalism after the recession.

"If you're a student today looking at a journalism career ... you can't think about only going in to traditional magazines and newspapers. You do have to think about the opportunities of the digital world," she says. "I think traditional schools need to think about the new format. I'm not even sure that a lot of the schools adapted to the changes that were in print journalism. I don't know how much they ever

**The September Issue is in theatres this month**



Bonnie Fuller, editor-in-chief of HollywoodLife.com, arrives at the 6th Annual Hollywood Style Awards last week in Los Angeles, Calif.

taught about celebrity journalism."

Fuller's "celebrity lens"

style of journalism explores the world via Michael Jackson, the Bal-

**"Celebrities are better than the weather."**

Bonnie Fuller on celebs as a talk piece

loon Boy and Jon and Kate. "The great thing about ... celebrities today is that they come in all different ages, shapes, sizes, backgrounds and ethnic groups. There's always somebody that you can relate to."

And whatever you're dealing with, chances are a celebrity is going through the same thing. "If you're trying to decide if you're going to have a baby, well, there's a female celebrity talking about whether it's time for her to have a baby. If your marriage is in trouble and you're wondering if you can go through divorce, you can look at Jon and Kate."

Gossip is in our genes, she says. (Google her Bigthink.com interview for her take on the cave-woman roots of celebrity journalism.)

"Everyone used to talk about the weather. It was the one, standard conversation," Fuller adds. "Now, when you sit down by a stranger at a party, you can start a conversation on infidelity, sexual harassment and office romances just by mentioning David Letterman. Celebrities are better than the weather."

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People often get exactly what they pay for. This is as true in law as it is in life. Here is one story that should make employees pause when they are offered a "free" consultation with a lawyer.

Recently, a client who came to me was seeking a second opinion following a complimentary session with another lawyer. He had found a labour lawyer on the Internet, which doesn't usually pose a problem, except that this particular lawyer's website promised that the entire consultation process would be free. Since the client had just been fired, he was unfortunately drawn to the lawyer's promise, believing that he would get an opinion on his case without spending a dime. The client submitted a

summary of his problem on-line. The lawyer swiftly replied — providing an "opinion" that based on the facts of this person's case, he had been wrongfully dismissed. The problem, however, is that he was simply wrong. In the end, the client had been billed twice the standard fee that most counsel charge for an initial meeting. This client's "free" consultation had become something much different.

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**Harper opens mat leave to self-employed**

In a determined effort to make inroads with female voters, Conservative leader Stephen Harper promised maternity and parental benefits to the self-employed last month. Harper stated the self-employed "shouldn't have to choose between starting a family and starting a business." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# And the SavvyMom of the year is...

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**Canada's top mom-entrepreneur of 2009 is proof that mom-entrepreneurs succeed best when they help support each other.**

Shirley Broback, 34, was awarded the SavvyMom Mom Entrepreneur of the Year Award for her work as producer of the Vancouver Island Baby Fair and says her win proves that self-described regular women like her can make a big difference with big dreams and big effort.

"It shows you don't have to be a big shot, just a regular person with some big plans and the confidence to put your plans into action," Broback said.

Broback beat out 316 other nominees across the country to win the distinction of being named Canada's top mom-entrepreneur along with \$15,500

**"The biggest challenge is to divide family time. You turn off the cellphone, you don't check email. You have to set boundaries for yourself and it is very challenging. It's definitely a big juggling act that people have to concentrate on and figure out for themselves."**

Shirley Broback

in cash and business services. She's overjoyed to win but credits her clients and friends for helping to make her nomination possible.

"It's such an honour to win the award. I had so many friends and family and exhibitors rallying for me. The prizes are incredible and the exposure is just phenomenal. I think it can be inspiring to other mom entrepreneurs," Broback said.

Sarah Morgenstern, publisher and founder of SavvyMom Media, which gives out the award every year says Broback won the award not only for her

own work but for her support of other mom-entrepreneurs — many of Broback's exhibitors at the Vancouver Island Baby Fair are mom-entrepreneurs themselves.

"Shirley did an amazing job of spreading the word. She's a mom-entrepreneur and a mom-entrepreneur incubator — we like that," Morgenstern said.

Broback says the hardest part of being a mom-entrepreneur is finding ways to excel at the business side of your career while still making family time a priority.

"The biggest challenge is to divide family time

and give yourself boundaries to that. You turn off the cellphone, you don't check email. You have to set boundaries for yourself and it is very challenging. It's definitely a big juggling act that people have to concentrate on and figure out for themselves," Broback said.

Her best piece of advice for other Canadian mom-entrepreneurs? Remember to delegate.

"You can't do it all yourself. It takes lots of other input and help and support to make your business happen, so don't try to do it all yourself," Broback said.



Shirley Broback, winner of the SavvyMom Mom Entrepreneur of the Year Award, is the producer of the Vancouver Island Baby Fair.

## Jobs to look forward to

**STUDY** Starting salaries in the accounting and finance and information technology (IT) are expected to remain relatively flat or see modest declines next year, but some positions will buck this trend, according to the 2010 Salary Guides from Robert Half International.

National starting salaries for IT roles are forecast to decrease by an average of 1.3 per cent in 2010. But, some of the positions with the best prospects include:

**Network administrator:** Network administrators can expect to see starting salaries in the range of \$54,500 to \$80,250 in the coming year.

**Information systems security manager:** The salary range for an information systems security manager is expected to be \$96,500 to \$130,750.

**System engineer:** Base compensation for these professionals is projected to range from \$64,250 to \$93,250.

Starting salaries for administrative professionals are projected to decrease by an average of 2.2 per cent in 2010. But, positions with the best prospects include:

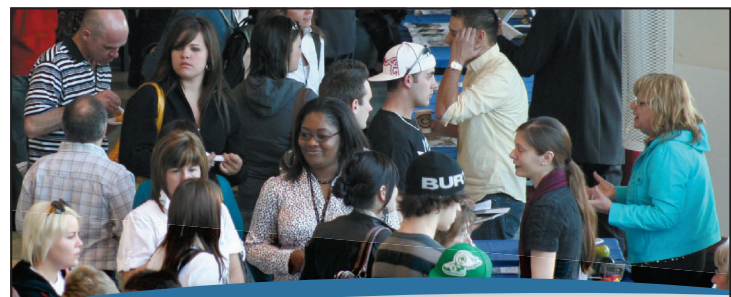
In accounting and finance, starting salaries for accounting and finance positions are expected to increase by an average of 0.5 per cent in 2010. Positions with the best prospects include:

**Tax accountant:** Tax accountants with one to three years of experience

at large companies are expected to see an average national starting salary in the range of \$46,500 to \$61,500 US.

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The new Sum of All Thrills at Epcot at the Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., is a ride designed to inspire young students about the power of math and math-related activities. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Math on vacation**

# Travel



## Miss Popularity

San Francisco was named the best U.S. city to visit for the 17th year in a row in Conde Nast Traveler magazine's 2009 Readers' Choice Awards. The awards appear in the magazine's November issue, ranking the best cities, cruise lines, airlines, hotels and resorts worldwide based on survey responses from 25,000 readers. Charleston, S.C., took the No. 2 spot on the U.S. cities list, followed by Santa Fe, N.M. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Finding balance at a Boston hotel spa

City's sleek Mandarin Oriental ups the ante on Beantown wellness offerings

ANNE DIMON  
for Metro Canada



**A Feng Shui Master might call it the result of good chi, but I say it was random good timing that the launch of Porter Airlines' new service from Toronto to Boston coincided with the first anniversary of the Mandarin Oriental Boston and my intended visit.**

Weather co-operating, the flight gets you there in roughly 65 minutes, and Logan International is so conveniently close to the city core, it's a quick and easy getaway destination.

The city offers numerous spas — many of which are mixed in with cafes, galleries and designer shops along chic Newbury Street in the ritzy Back Bay neighbourhood — but with the opening of the Mandarin Oriental, the spa bar has been raised.

Simply arriving at the sleek boutique hotel sets the tone for anyone seeking a sense of well-being. That could have something to do with the Feng Shui Master who consulted on the project.

Among the things he recommended was relocating the front entrance to align with the Charles River and allow the free flow of good energy from the water element. Further nods to Feng Shui principals are incorporated throughout as fire, metal and other elements are worked into the gracious and contemporary design and decor.

Located on the fourth level of the hotel, the gracious spa anchors the Lifestyle Floor. This is where you al-



Left, an exterior view of the Mandarin Oriental Boston. Right, a wet treatment room at the hotel's sleek spa.



Left, another spa treatment room at the Mandarin Oriental Boston. Right, the tranquil Tea Lounge, where spa meals are served.



so find eight Lifestyle Rooms with special amenities such as bamboo floors, yoga mats and a selection of wellness-related reading

material.

The small but well-equipped gym is also here. No worries if you've forgotten to pack your workout gear — the spa provides. Clothing, shoes and socks come complimentary courtesy of the spa and Nike. I asked, and they delivered to my room neatly presented on a bamboo tray.

As guests enter the spa, the sound of water trickling down a marble wall sets a calming mood. Memories of other Mandarin Oriental hotels visited — Singapore, Miami, New York — come to mind and I know it's the little touches that make the MO spa collection distinctive.

The arrival ritual, for in-

stance, offers guests a small bowl of herbal tea and a hot cloth presented on a small bamboo tray, as shoes are exchanged for a pair of spa sandals. There are fresh orchids gently placed on pristine white towels and a gift for each guest.

The largest and most luxurious in the city, the spa offers nine treatment rooms, private wet areas and a tranquil Tea Lounge where spa meals are served. In the ladies' locker room with its experiential shower, whirlpool and Crystal Steam Room, I take time to steam and allow the crystals to draw out any negative energies, then cool down courtesy of a fountain of crushed ice.

Spas in the collection each offer a full menu of services with signature treatments such as the customized Time Rituals and those developed in consultation with specialists of Traditional Chinese Medicine but today, I decided to "buy local" and go for the New England Retreat.

This one hour and 50-minute experience — including scrub, wrap and massage — incorporates local-grown herbs such as horsetail, lavender, calendula and St. John's Wort. As with most of the spa brand's specialty treatments, this one begins with a ritual foot bath and the pure resonating peal of Tibetan chimes.

## More info

- [mandarinoriental.com/boston](http://mandarinoriental.com/boston)
- [bostonusa.com](http://bostonusa.com)
- [porterairlines.com](http://porterairlines.com)

It's a lovely treatment and totally appropriate for a city that bills itself as the Gateway to New England.

Post treatment, it's back to the relaxation room for a quiet moment, to sip on water and snack on almonds before heading to nearby Newbury Street for a little retail therapy. It's all about balance.

Anne Dimon is a spa and wellness travel writer and editor of [traveltowellness.com](http://traveltowellness.com)

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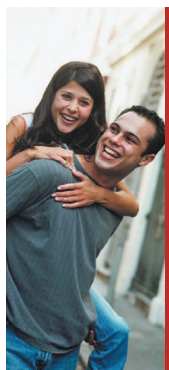
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## Lucky Shops in NYC

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## travel 23

# Making the list: Autumn foliage destinations battle for shout-outs

## Picking favourites lands experts in hot water

So celebrated are the spectacular colours of Canada's fall leaves that in Ontario, at least, the Ministry of Tourism issues weekly reports on where to find the most splendid views.

Via Rail offers lovers of the dramatic scarlet, orange, lemon-lime, gold and purple shades of fall a six-night train ride through the forests of southern Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia.

Fans of the fabulous foliage immortalized by the Group of Seven flock year round to the National Art Gallery in Ottawa and the McMichael in Kleinburg, Ont., to get their autumn fix.

And, even as the threat of jail hung over him, Conrad Black tipped his hat to the changing leaves of Canadian fall by demonstrating the art of pressing a maple leaf on the Rick Mercer television show. (It must be pressed between

**"I've had some heated emails from PR people for tourist boards scolding me for not including them."**

Jane McLean

two very large books. Small books won't do.)

So where are the most beautiful canopies of colour this fall?

Jane McLean, a self-anointed Canadian fall foliage expert, has posted a Top 10 list on about.com, the New York Times owned online repository of expert advice on everything from accessories and acne to yoga and zoology.

She says fall colours are a "real industry" in the U.S., particularly New England. She posted her list of lovely northern vistas because she didn't want Canada to be overlooked.

"We have just as much to offer, without the crowds," she said from her home in Dundas, Ont.

Already, her list is making waves. "I've had some heated emails from PR people for tourist boards scolding me for not including them."

That's not surprising, since her about.com posting is influential and attracts thousands of hits a week.

Four of the spots that made it into McLean's Top 10 are in Ontario. (Algonquin Park made the cut, as did the Bruce Peninsula.) Quebec's Laurentian Mountains got the nod and Alberta's Rockies.

In the east, McLean recommends the Cabot Trail of Cape Breton Island and New Brunswick's Fundy Coastal Drive. She likes the forests of PEI since the

### Good to know

#### Jane McLean's list:

gocanada.about.com/od/canadatravelp/tp/fallfoliage.htm

#### Via Rail tour:

trainpackages.ca/packages/Fall-Foliage-Romance-by-Rail.html **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



This file photo shows autumn leaves in Algonquin Park, one of the places that made it on to Jane McLean's Top 10 leaf spots.

warm waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Northumberland Strait create a climate that can produce one of the longest fall foliage periods in northeastern North America.

But pity the poor residents of British Columbia and Saskatchewan, provinces without even a mention (Manitoba and Newfoundland also get a pass from McLean).

And before regional pride provokes a national scrimmage, it's important to note that although the Rockies are listed as No. 1,

and the Fundy Coast No. 10, McLean's list is in no particular order.

"I generally work my way west to east," she says, with the insistence of a parent who could never choose a favourite child.

Does she have a secret guilty pleasure? Yes, she does. It's Via's Fall Foliage Romance by Rail journey through the forests of eastern Canada.

"There is a romance to it," McLean says. "It's hard to deny that it's a bit old-

fashioned. The cabins are dated, but for me that has an allure. And the views through the domed observation window are very strong."

But wait. The writer of the list, the expert on all things autumnal, won't be pinned down after all.

"The subsequent article I write should be how there are many more places that could be added to the Top 10 list that you might not know yet," she says with a laugh. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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David Hasselhoff is set to star in a new reality TV show. The former Baywatch star has reportedly signed up for a new program with his teenage daughters Hayley and Taylor. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)

# Entertainment



## Giving up TV

Mischa Barton has given up on TV following the cancellation of series *The Beautiful Life*. "That whole world of network television, probably isn't, for me, a good idea now," she said. [POPEATER.COM](http://POPEATER.COM)

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## Swiss reject Polanski bid for release

### PEOPLE

Roman Polanski's three decades as a fugitive are coming back to haunt him.



Polanski

Noting his previous escape from U.S. authorities, Switzerland's top criminal court yesterday rejected Polanski's appeal to be released from prison because of the "high" risk that the 76-year-old director would try to flee again.

Polanski's offers of bail, house arrest and electronic monitoring failed to sway the tribunal. Even a Swiss chalet in the luxury resort of Gstaad was brushed aside as insufficient collateral to guard against Polanski fleeing the country, as the United States seeks to have him extradited for having sex with a 13-year-old girl in 1977.

"The appellant has already once in 1978 eluded American criminal proceedings by travelling to Europe," the court said.

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# Levy heard, but not seen

Actor makes another voice-appearance in animated film *Astro Boy*

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada



Eugene Levy has all but disappeared from appearing on film. The SCTV legend — who's memorable on-screen creations include nightclub hack Bobby Bittman or Jim's well-intentioned dad from the *American Pie* film franchise — has been hiding in a recording studio quite a lot lately.

"Evidently, no one wants to see my face," joked the Canadian funnyman during a recent interview to discuss his latest role in the computer-animated family film, *Astro Boy*. It's the star's third voice-appearance in a movie in as many years.

"The odd thing about this kind of work is you've got to go in with an empty head and be prepared to give (the filmmakers) whatever they want," said Levy of his recent ventures in voice-acting. "The very first animated thing I did, I



Canadian funnyman Eugene Levy voices Orrin in the upcoming movie *Astro Boy*.

remember going in and looking at the pages and then preparing and studying and figuring, 'Okay, I'm going to give them something different here.'

"Then you go in and you give it to them and they say, 'Well, that's wonderful and now try it this way,' and then you realize that you're going to go through

10, 15, 20 variations on every line."

Lucky for Levy, his extensive experience as one of the writers and actors behind the heavily-adlibbed comedy hits *Best in Show* and *A Mighty Wind* (for which he actually won a Grammy Award) have added value in the voice booth.

"I'm a character actor and I get the supporting roles — and even in the an-

**"The odd thing about this kind of work is you've got to go in with an empty head and be prepared to give (the filmmakers) whatever they want."** Eugene Levy

imation, they're supporting roles — which means there's really more flexibility to go off-script."

In the case of *Astro Boy*, Levy plays Orrin, a neurotic, bumbling android-servant to young Toby, the enigmatic little boy who turns into a robotic superhero.

"You can't beat a good superhero," said Levy when asked about the ongoing popularity of the Japanese character, who first appeared in a 1951 comic. "This is a robot who is created in the likeness of a little boy and he's got human feelings ... for this kind of an audience, you can't really beat that as your hero — a little guy who can kick ass and he's got a heart of gold."

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# Rihanna's topless CD artwork

**MUSIC** Rihanna is exposing her fans to more than her music with her new single, Russian Roulette.



Rihanna

The singer is featured nearly topless on artwork for the song, covered only by what looks to be barbed wire.

The photo fits the apparent theme for her new album, *Rated R*, which is due out Nov. 23. It will be her first CD since 2007's *Good Girl Gone Bad*, which went multiplatinum. It will also be her first solo single since she was attacked by ex-boyfriend Chris Brown.

Russian Roulette was to debut Tuesday on Rihanna's website.

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## In brief

**FILM** A federal judge has refused to halt the release of the Chris Rock film *Good Hair*. Rock and the film's producers were sued in Los Angeles by documentary filmmaker Regina Kimbell, who claimed the comedian stole several ideas for his film from her work. Kimbell produced the documentary *My Nappy Roots* earlier this decade and says she screened her film for Rock in 2007. U.S. District Judge Dale S. Fischer watched both films and says she didn't see substantial similarities.

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**AWARDS** CBC-TV's coverage of the 2008 Beijing Olympics won five Gemini awards at an industry gala celebrating the best in news, sports, documentary and lifestyles television. The trophies were handed out at a private bash in Toronto that recognized the public broadcaster for best sports analyst, feature segment, play-by-play announcer, reporting and live event.

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**LEGAL** The ninth-season winner of reality TV show *Big Brother*, Adam Jasinski, has confessed to using his \$500,000 prize to buy thousands of oxydodone pills and resell them, authorities said.

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**Kenya Hunt**



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# TMZ.com founder fights Gibson case

The founder of celebrity news site TMZ.com is promising a fight after he says the Los Angeles County sheriff's department illegally obtained his phone records in its investigation into who leaked a report on actor Mel Gibson's 2006 drunk-driving arrest, including details on the actor's anti-Semitic tirade.

Harvey Levin's comments came during a speech Monday night at UCLA at an event hosted by the Radio and Television News Association of Southern California. He said he considers the department's actions an assault on the First Amendment.

"It breaks federal law. It breaks state law," Levin said. "It's outrageous. We've met with lawyers and are charting our course of action. This is not going to go away."

An after-hours call to a sheriff's department



**"It's outrageous. We've met with lawyers and are charting our course of action. This is not going to go away."**

Harvey Levin, founder of celebrity news site TMZ.com

spokesman was not answered.

Gibson was arrested for misdemeanor drunken driving on July 28, 2006, on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu. His anti-Semitic slurs, detailed in a report leaked to TMZ.com, provoked outrage, and the Braveheart actor and director later apologized.

The officer who arrested Gibson, Deputy James Mee, became the target of a criminal investigation into whether he leaked the arrest report.

Records obtained during that investigation showed several calls between Levin and Mee's home. But authorities de-

termined it was impossible to say who made the calls on Mee's end of the line.

Prosecutors eventually declined to charge Mee, citing a lack of proof that he leaked details about the case.

Gibson pleaded no contest in August 2006 and was given three years' probation, fined \$1,400 and ordered to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

Earlier this month, a judge agreed to expunge his drunken driving conviction after he successfully completed the terms of his probation.

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## critics'corner

**Mercy** Having just announced to her family that she is trying to have a baby, Veronica (Taylor Schilling) tries to save a pregnant woman in the aftermath of a car wreck. Dr. Harris (James LeGros) calls for a hearing to determine Veronica's future at Mercy Hospital. Sonia (Jaime Lee Kirchner) helps a sleepwalking patient and tries to take her relationship with Valentino (Charlie Semine) to another level in the new episode "You Lost Me With the Cinderblock." 8 PM on 15 CITY 9 NBC



**The Tudors** Determined to stop the northern uprising once and for all, Henry (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) sends Bryan (Alan Van Sprang) to arrest Pole in France, but the rebel leader has fled by the time he arrives. He also orders Brandon (Henry Cavill) to kill innocent citizens of Yorkshire as a warning against further rebellion — an assignment that leaves Brandon sickened and haunted. Jane (Annabelle Wallis) gives birth to a son but dies shortly thereafter. 9 PM on 8 CBC



Meryl Streep's daughter, actress Mamie Gummer, is getting married. Gummer confirmed to usmagazine.com that actor-boyfriend Ben Walker "proposed two days ago" and "did it on one knee." **METRO WORLD NEWS**

## Celebrity Buzz

### Scarlett spooked by musical theatre

**NOT IN THE LIMELIGHT** Scarlett Johansson is putting off plans to appear on Broadway — because she suffers from "crippling" stage fright, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress admits treading the boards in New York is a dream of hers, but she has to overcome a phobia of performing live first.

The stagefright is made all the more surprising because Johansson happily appeared in numerous plays as a child

actress.

She tells America's Glamour magazine, "I would love to work on Broadway, but I don't know that it would manifest itself in musical theatre ... I have terrible stage fright that I'd have to get over."

"(It is) crippling. Not as a kid. It came on when I was a teenager, and I think it somehow sticks with you."

The actress is back on the big screen when she joins the Iron Man franchise for the second movie in the series.

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### Salma seethes over 'the freaks'

**PHOTO RAGE** Salma Hayek knows what freaks her out: paparazzi. "What's freaky is the guy behind the camera who is desperate and so excited

because he's seeing you walk into a supermarket," she says, according to Hollyscoop. "They're the freaks ... I hate it."

**METRO WORLD NEWS**

### Octomom crushes on Jon

**AN INDECENT PROPOSAL** Jon and Nadya plus 22? If things go sour with girlfriend Hailey Glassman, Jon Gosselin has at least one other admirer: Nadya Suleman, usmaga.com reports.

"I kind of have a crush on Jon Gosselin," the single mother of 14 quipped to RadarOnline.com. "I think he's hot ... he looks cute in purple."

But Suleman, 33, doesn't crush on Gosselin at the expense of his estranged wife, Kate. "I feel for her. I wish everyone would leave her

alone," she says, admitting she's never seen a full episode of their on-hiatus TLC show. "I'm sure she trusts herself and trusts that she's strong enough to handle it."

Dating advice?

"I don't think any single mother of any amount of kids should start dating," she quipped.

Her sudden sympathy for Gosselin, 34, marks a change of heart. In June, Suleman sniped of the reality-TV star, "Why are you so desperate to glob on to my life? For attention?"

And despite earlier reports, Suleman insists she has no reality show plans of her own.

"I already made up my mind a long time ago," she says. "I think it's exploitative. I don't care what the dollar amount would be. It's not worth it. It's not healthy for the kids."

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### Lohan seeks restraining order against dad: Reports

**BAD DAD** Michael Lohan continues to tell anyone who will listen that daughter Lindsay Lohan is in desperate need of an intervention.

He showed up on an Australian radio show to tell everyone that Lindsay is addicted to prescription

drugs, and that she and Samantha Ronson are just friends.

Lindsay, meanwhile, is reportedly seeking a restraining order against

her dad.

"Her lawyer have already been contacted," a source tells People magazine. "She's scared. This is really serious."

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### Celebrity tweets



Rivers Cuomo doesn't like children, Taylor Swift loves her fans, John Mayer gets uncharacteristically introspective, and Pink gets some odd requests from fans.

• **@riverscuomo**

Anyone else ever turn off their lights and pretend like they're not at home on Halloween?

• **@taylorswift13**

Girl in the front row wearing a banana costume, I applaud you.

• **@johnmayer**

I can choose to indulge in my frustrations or I can choose to create a habit of happiness. It's not easy but it's worth the fight.

• **@Pink**

A girl just came up with a q-tip and asked me for a swab of my DNA. I said "I'm sorry, I'm an original"

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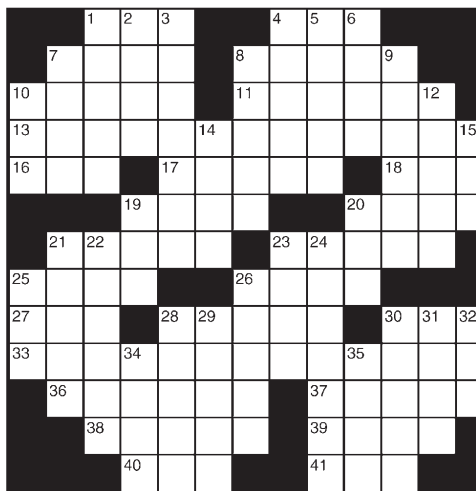
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## Take Five



### ACROSS

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- 4 Min. fraction
- 7 Bear lair
- 8 Parishioner's donation
- 10 November birthstone
- 11 Shocked
- 13 He played Paul Drake on "Perry Mason"
- 16 Common bill
- 17 Resigns
- 18 Participated in track
- 19 — and void
- 20 Mineral in sheets
- 21 Filled fully
- 23 Disinclined
- 25 "Sultan of Swat"
- 26 Undulating
- 27 Superlative suffix
- 28 Artless
- 30 Knock
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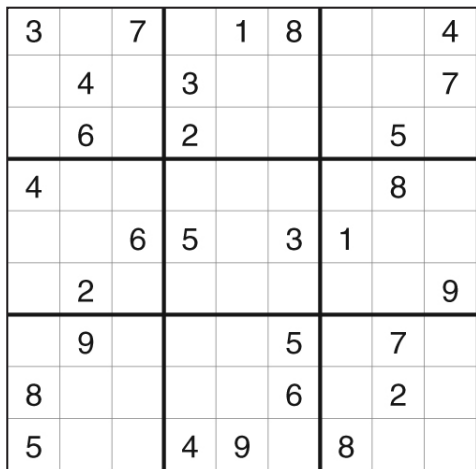
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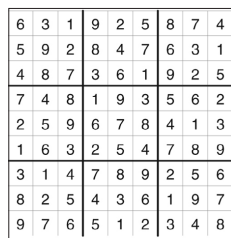
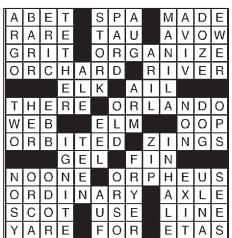
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## Metro Recipe of the Day



### Pierside Salmon Patties

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup (250 ml) milk
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) lemon juice
- 3 cups (750 ml) coarsely crushed saltines (about 66 crackers)
- 2 tsp (10 ml) finely chopped onion
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper
- 2 cans (14-3/4 oz./418 g each) salmon, drained, bones and skin removed

#### DILL SAUCE:

- 2 tbsp (25 ml) all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp (5 l) snipped fresh dill or 1/2 tsp (2 ml) dill weed
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
- Dash pepper
- Dash nutmeg
- 1-1/2 cups milk

#### METHOD:

- 1. In large bowl, beat eggs,

milk, lemon juice, saltines, onion, salt and pepper. Add salmon and mix well. Shape into twelve 3-in. (7.5 cm) patties. Place in greased 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. (38 cm x 25.5 cm x 2.5 cm) baking pan. Bake at 350 F (180 C) 30-35 minutes or until lightly browned. 2. Meanwhile, melt butter in pot. Stir in flour, dill, salt, pepper and nutmeg until smooth. Gradually add milk. Bring to boil; cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened. Serve with patties.

#### SERVES 6

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### ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

It's time to make a decision about a partnership matter. If you don't make it now the decision will be made for you, so stop beating around the bush.

### LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

If you feel that time is running out and you need to do something quickly or miss out on your big chance then you need to get a grip on yourself.

### TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Don't let your anxieties get the better of you today, especially in matters related to your physical, mental and emotional wellbeing.

### SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

The Sun in Libra has focused your mind on things you would no doubt prefer to ignore or even pretend do not exist.

### GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

You still have time before the Sun moves out of Libra to put the final touches to a creative project. It will bring you personal satisfaction.

### SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Making wishes might strike you as a complete waste of time but if you focus on what you desire today you might just get it.

### CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

If you get involved in a falling-out between friends today you must make sure you are scrupulously even-handed.

### CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Do you carry on with something you started weeks ago? Only you can decide but it must be one or the other. Make a decision and stick to it.

### LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

You might not believe that change is good but if you think about the positive changes of recent months you'll find it hard to disagree.

### AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

You are coming up to a critical time for work and career matters. You will get the chance to better yourself over the next three to five days. Aim high.

### VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

If you want something enough you will find a way to get it but watch out it does not cost you considerably more than you expected.

### PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

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- 1774: First display of the word "Liberty" on a flag, raised by colonists in Taunton, Massachusetts in defiance of British rule in Colonial America.
- 1879: Using a filament of carbonized thread, Thomas Edison tests the first practical electric incandescent light bulb (it lasted 13 1/2 hours before burning out).
- 1945: Women's suffrage: Women are allowed to vote in France for the first time.

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